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**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 21, 2006**

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**MORGAN HILL CIVIC CENTER**

CITY HALL  
Council Chambers  
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**7:10 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

Commissioner Librers absent

**DECLARATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA**

Per Government Code 54954.2

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**NOW IS THE TIME FOR COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA.** The Morgan Hill Parks and Recreation Commission welcomes comments from all individuals on any agenda item being considered by the Commission. Please complete a Speaker Card and present it to the Secretary/Recreation Manager. This will assist the Commission Members in hearing your comments at the appropriate time. In the interest of brevity and timeliness and to ensure the participation of all those desiring an opportunity to speak, comments presented to the Commission are limited to **three minutes**. We appreciate your cooperation.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comment

## **REPORTS**

**A. SKATE PARK GRANT- Concept Design to go to YAC on March 6, 2006** Deputy Director Mori Struve reported that there is a grant available for a permanent Skate Park. The grant is designed to favor after school activities. We would need to change plans to make our park an above ground park. He will present to YAC at their March meeting and will come back to PRC with recommendations.

### **B. COMMUNITY PARK FENCING IMPROVEMENTS**

Deputy Director Mori Struve reported that Public Works will be doing some repair work to the fencing at Community Park. They will be raising the fencing in front of the dugouts.

### **C. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT(S)**

Commissioner Hardt-Mason reported that BTAC is working on a report to ask for funds for bike racks throughout the city. Commissioner Hardt-Mason asked that this item be put on the agenda for the March meeting.

## **BUSINESS**

### **1. INTRODUCE NEW MORGAN HILL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT LIAISONS**

**MIKE HICKEY AND PETER MANDEL.** Chair Bernardini introduced School Board President Mike Hickey.

### **2. PARKS AND FIELD USER FEES**

**Recommended Action:** provide recommendations regarding park and field reservation user fees for Council consideration. Deputy Director Mori Struve presented staff report.

Discussion ensued with President of the Morgan Hill School Board Mike Hickey. He stated that the district is considering a rate increase. We will try to get that information to try to stay in line with each other.

Bob Benevento from Morgan Hill Pony Baseball spoke on their contract with the School District. Pony is presently still in negotiations. It appears that Pony and Pop Warner will share Britton Field.

Chair Bernardini feels that for profit groups should pay more than non-profits.

MSA Dieter explained the cost matrix in the staff report; Commissioner Hardt-Mason thought that we should change the fees to somewhere between two to four dollars.

Commissioner Fredrick asked if we want cost recovery or just status quo. He feels that we should try to stay in line with the school district. If we raise the field charges there will be an expectation of increased service.

Commissioner Green feels that we should move cautiously and gather more information. Commissioner van Kuelen feels we should start at about one dollar per hour, but also charge an additional fee to those groups that use the lights.

PRC asked that this item be on the next agenda. MSA Dieter to come up with cost per hour based on these years' permits. Those numbers will be included in March staff report.

It was decided that Park and Field fees should be raised from \$17 to \$34 for residents and \$68 for non-residents. We still need to decide the amount of hours that fee will cover. In the past it was for the day. The new rates could be based on five to ten hour increments.

Regarding Special Event Permits was decided that events under 500 people could be raised to \$250.00. Events over 500 would be \$750. PRC will look at this again at the April meeting. It was also decided that the leagues would be invited back for comments.

### **3. INDOOR RECREATION CENTER & GYM – Number of Badminton courts**

Deputy Director Mori Struve reported that the IRC could have 6 non regulation courts or 3 regulation courts. The cost to add the additional courts would be \$8000.00 apiece.

The PRC was surprised at the exorbitant cost to add a few lines and a couple of hundred dollars of equipment. It was decided by the Commission to ask for six courts. Deputy Director Mori Struve will bring back more information to the March meeting.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER GREEN/SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VAN KEULEN TO HAVE SIX COURTS AT THE BEST POSSIBLE PRICE. MOTION CARRIED (6-0-1)**

**4. D.O.G. PARK – Construction/Maintenance Agreement Language** Deputy Director Mori Struve reported that the City of Morgan Hill and D.O.G. have developed a Construction/Maintenance Agreement. All parties are in agreement and they will start to move forward toward construction.

Commissioner Frederick asked if there was a termination clause in the agreement. He wondered what would happen to the dog park if D.O.G. was to dissolve. Who would take care of the park? Deputy Director Mori Struve advised the commission that the park area would revert back to what they call a “fringe area.”

**5. COMMUNITY PARK PHASE I IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT** – Design, progress and budget update. Deputy Director Mori Struve presented staff report. PRC recommended that City Council delay some improvements, bid others as alternates and request additional funding.

**6. COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING INDOOR RECREATION CENTER – YMCA** operating model. Interim Recreation Manager Rod Cooper reported that by a 5-0 vote the City Council voted to receive the *Results of the Market Study* and direct staff to negotiate a Possible Partnership Operating Model for the Indoor Recreation Center with the YMCA. We will jointly operate the IRC based upon the model, as presented this evening, and the parameters as suggested by the Council's subcommittee on risk sharing; City maintaining ultimate authority, financial support from the YMCA; and a five-year term that includes measurements and evaluation. The YMCA is to continue to operate the senior nutrition program with annual renegotiations. The City is to achieve cost recovery by year three. The contract is to return to the City Council for final consideration by the third meeting in March 2006.

Council decided that cost recovery was a motivating issue for accepting this model. It was also noted that if you are a YMCA member at the IRC you can go to other YMCA facilities, but not reciprocal with other YMCA's

**7. PARK LAND ACQUISITION Recommended Action:** Receive staff report and provide comments. Deputy Director Mori Struve.  
The PRC recommended that Deputy Director Mori Struve make Jackson Park the first choice for expansion and land acquisition. This item will be on the agenda for March.

**8. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF January 17, 2006**  
**Recommended Action:** Approve minutes as presented.  
Item tabled will be brought back for March meeting.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS**

January 2006/Sports Fields fees and Badminton courts at IRC

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Next Regular Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on March 21, 2006.

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